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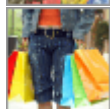
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Population



POPULATION

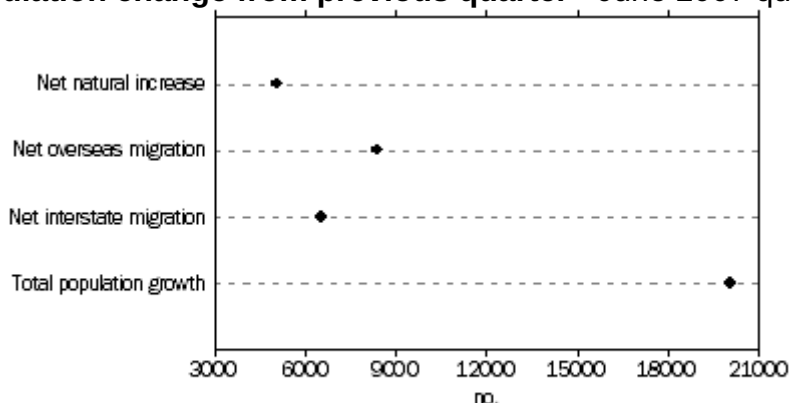
Population Change, Queensland
Regional Population Growth

POPULATION CHANGE, QUEENSLAND

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for Queensland was 4,182,100 at 30 June 2007, an increase of 90,500 (2.2%) since 30 June 2006. Queensland accounted for 20% of the Australian population at 30 June 2007.

Between the March 2007 quarter and the June 2007 quarter, 25% (5,100 persons) of the total population increase of 20,000 persons was due to net natural increase (excess of births over deaths), 42% (8,400 persons) was attributable to net overseas migration and 33% (6,600 persons) to net interstate migration.

Population change from previous quarter - June 2007 quarter



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

Further information about Queensland's population can be accessed from [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH

At 30 June 2006, the Queensland population was estimated to be 4,091,500 persons. The south east corner comprising Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions accounted for two-thirds (66%) of the state's population.

Regional Population(a), By Statistical Division - At 30 June - 2001 and 2006

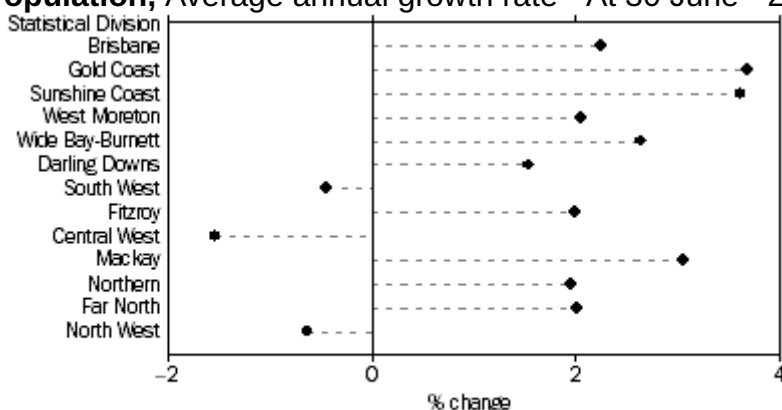
	2001 '000	2006 '000
Statistical division		
Brisbane	1 629.1	1 820.4
Gold Coast	432.6	518.1
Sunshine Coast	247.2	295.1
West Moreton	65.7	72.7
Wide Bay-Burnett	236.5	269.3
Darling Downs	210.4	227.1
South West	27.0	26.4
Fitzroy	181.7	200.6
Central West	12.5	11.6
Mackay	137.5	159.9
Northern	190.3	209.6

Far North	224.2	247.6
North West	34.3	33.2
Queensland	3 628.9	4 091.5

(a) Estimates of the resident population as at 30 June 2001 are final. Data for 2006 are preliminary.
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

The fastest growing statistical divisions over the five years between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2006 were Gold Coast with an average annual growth rate of 3.7%, Sunshine Coast (3.6%) and Mackay (3.1%). Three statistical divisions recorded negative average annual growth during the same period: South West (-0.4%), North West (-0.6%) and Central West (-1.5%).

Regional Population, Average annual growth rate - At 30 June - 2001 to 2006



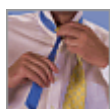
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

Note: On 24 July 2007, the ABS released preliminary rebased estimates of regional population for June 2006, based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. On 1 October 2007, additional data was released with this product. At that time, spreadsheets and a data cube containing estimates for all years from June 1996 to June 2006 became available.

For more information on Queensland's regional population distribution, please refer to [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released annually.

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Labour Force



LABOUR FORCE

- Job Vacancies
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JOB VACANCIES

In original terms, Queensland's total number of job vacancies decreased to 37,300 in November 2007 from 38,500 in August 2007. The November 2007 vacancies were 3.9% lower than in November 2006. Public sector vacancies accounted for just over one in ten (12%) of total job vacancies in November 2007.

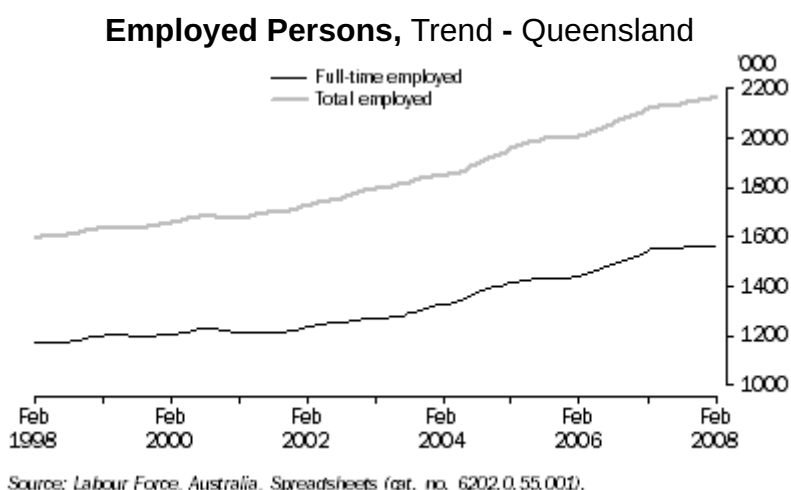


Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Job Vacancies, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6354.0). This publication is released quarterly.

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EMPLOYED PERSONS

In February 2008, total employment in Queensland in trend terms rose to 2,161,200 persons. Full-time employed persons (1,560,400) accounted for 72% of total employed persons. Males accounted for 65% of full-time employed persons and 55% of total employed persons.

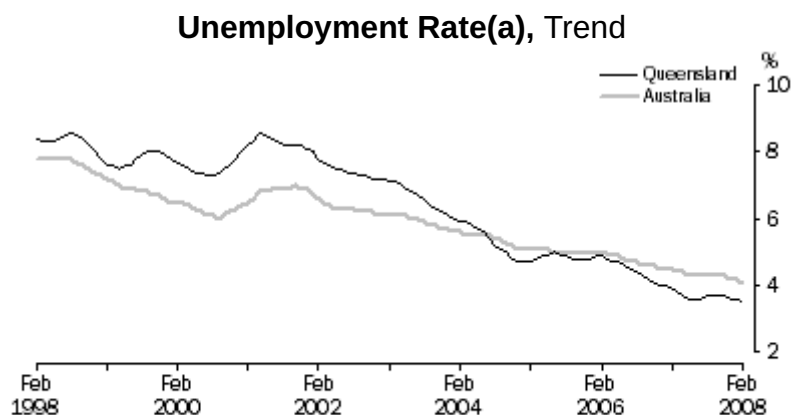


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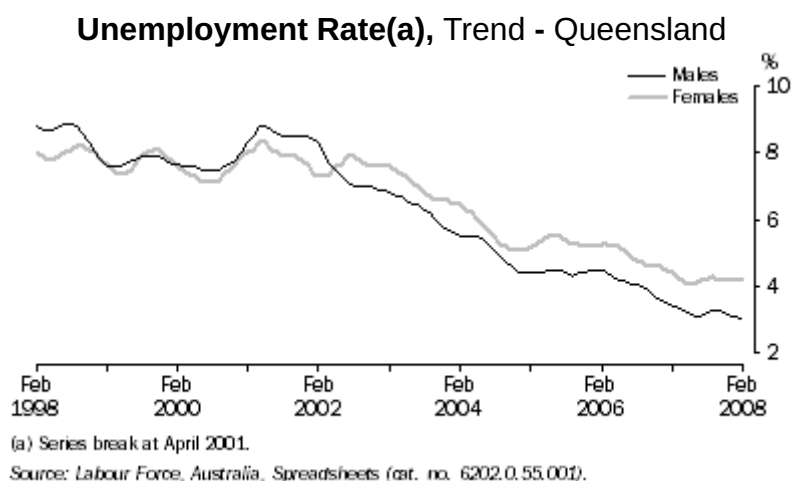
UNEMPLOYMENT

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland for February 2008 was 78,800 persons. This equates to an unemployment rate of 3.5%. Since July 2004, in

trend estimate terms, the Queensland unemployment rate has been lower than the national unemployment rate.



Females accounted for 54% of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland in February 2008 and had an unemployment rate of 4.2%. The corresponding male unemployment rate was 3.0%. Females have had higher rates of unemployment than their male counterparts since May 2002.

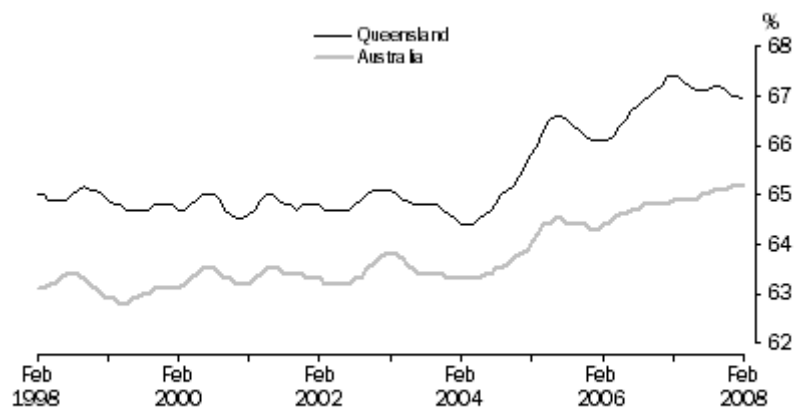


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PARTICIPATION RATE

The trend estimate of the participation rate for Queensland in February 2008 was 66.9%. This rate is 2.9% higher than February 1998. Queensland has consistently recorded higher participation rates than the national average.

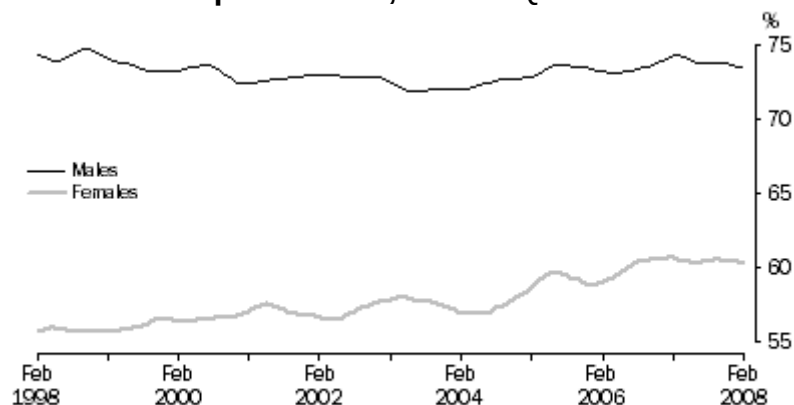
Participation Rate, Trend



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

For Queensland, the trend participation rate for females has been over 60% since July 2006, and was 60.3% in February 2008. This is an 8.1% increase on the female participation rate recorded in February 1998. The male participation rate in February 2008 was 73.5%, a decrease of -1.1% on the rate recorded for February 1998.

Participation Rate, Trend - Queensland



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

Further information on these topics can be accessed at [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0) and [Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets](#) (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. These publications are released monthly.

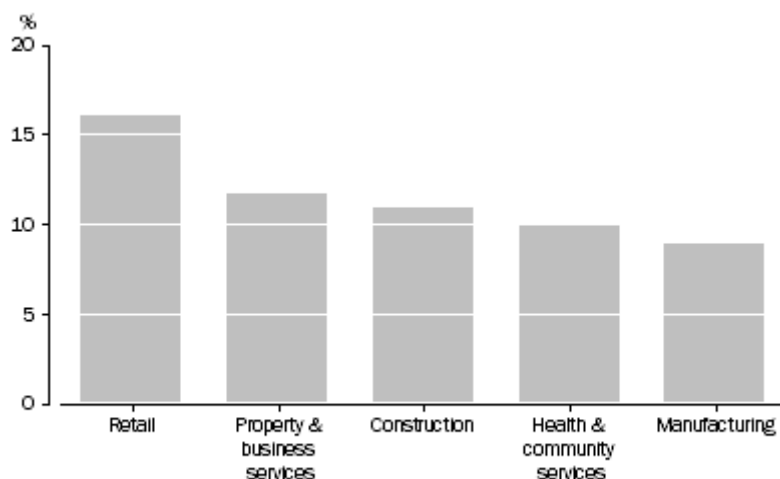
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EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY

There were 2,158,700 employed persons in Queensland in November 2007. The industries with the most number of employed persons were Retail trade (346,600), Property and business services (252,100) and Construction (236,500). Those industries employing the least number of persons included Electricity, gas and water (16,200), Communication services (34,900) and Mining (40,000).

The five major industries with the most number of employed persons accounted for over half (58%) of Queensland's employed.

Employed Persons by Industry, Original - Percentage of total employed: Queensland - November 2007



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

In the year November 2006 to November 2007, the greatest increase of employed persons occurred in Communication services (26%). In the same period, Finance and Insurance had the greatest decrease in employed persons with a reduction of 16%.

Note: Employed persons by industry has been reported in original terms and cannot be directly compared to the trend estimates reported for Labour Force.

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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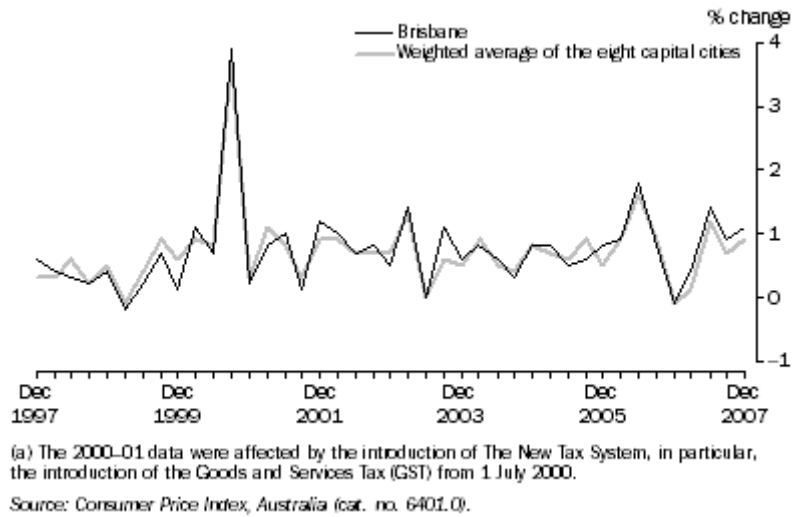
PRICES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Brisbane increased by 3.9% in the 12 months to December quarter 2007, compared to a 3.0% rise in the weighted average of the eight capital cities. The higher result in Brisbane is largely due to an 8.2% rise in Housing, substantially higher than the 4.8% increase for the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

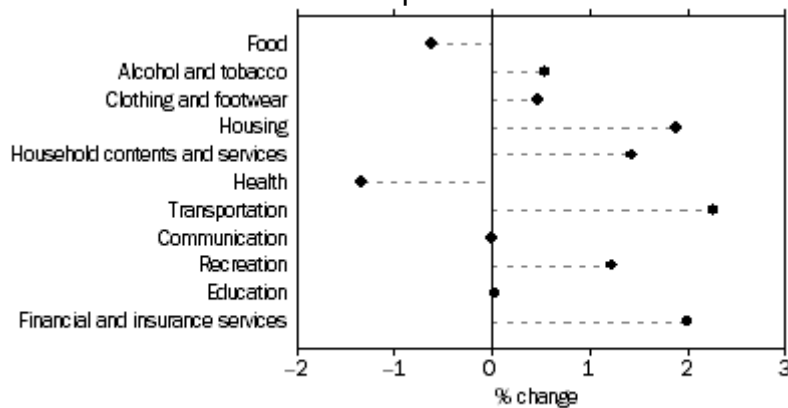
Brisbane's CPI rose by 1.1% between the September quarter and the December quarter 2007 and for the same period, the weighted average of the eight capital cities rose by 0.9%.

Consumer Price Index - All Groups, Original - Percentage change from previous quarter(a)



In the December 2007 quarter, the categories with the largest percentage increases in Brisbane were Transportation (2.3%), Financial and insurance services (2.0%) and Housing (1.9%). Health (-1.3%) and Food (-0.6%) experienced falls in prices between the September quarter and the December quarter 2007. The decreases in the Health and Food indexes are largely due to decreases in pharmaceuticals and fruit and vegetables, respectively.

CPI Movement, Brisbane, Original - Percentage change from previous quarter: December 2007 quarter



For more detailed information on the consumer price index, please refer to [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#) (cat no. 6401.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

Production

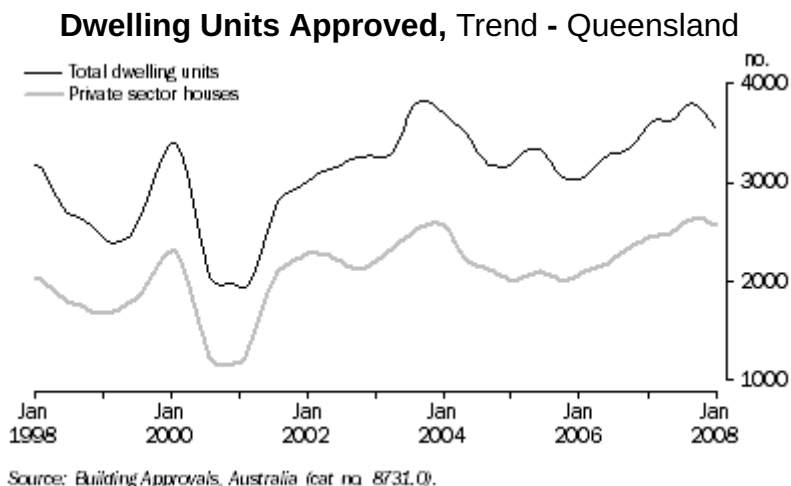


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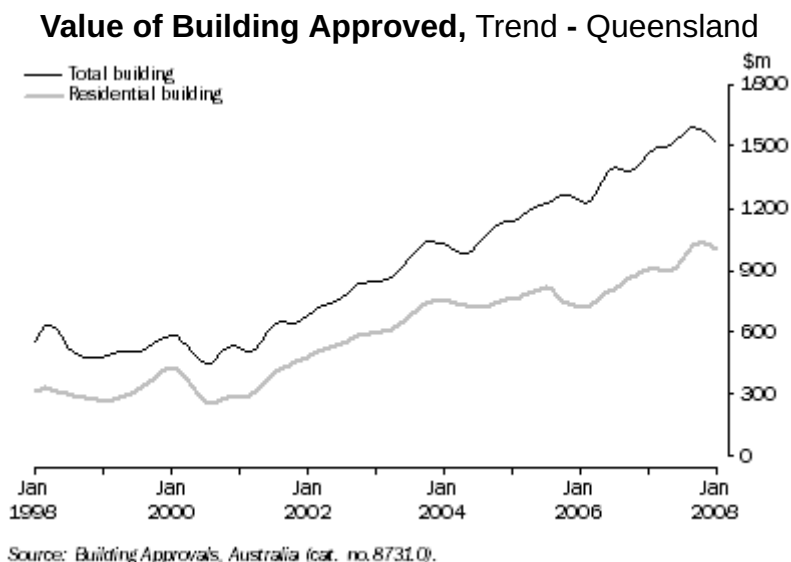
Building Approvals
Building Activity
Engineering Construction

BUILDING APPROVALS

In January 2008, the total number of dwelling units approved in Queensland in trend terms was 3,546. The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for January 2008 showed total approvals decreased by -2.2% from the previous month, the fourth consecutive monthly decrease after a prolonged period of growth. The trend estimate for private sector houses was 2,577 approvals which represents 73% of total dwelling units approved.



In January 2008, the total value of building approvals in trend terms was \$1,519.3 million, an 3.7% increase from January 2007. Residential buildings accounted for 66% of the total value of buildings..



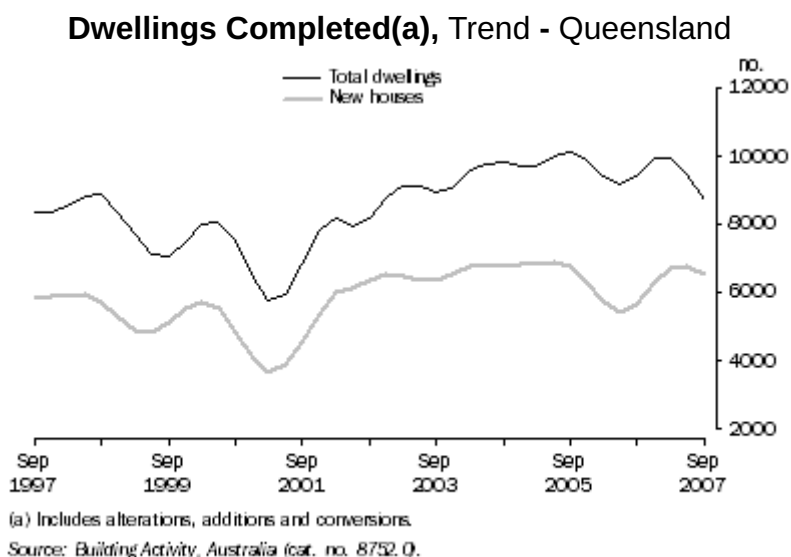
For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

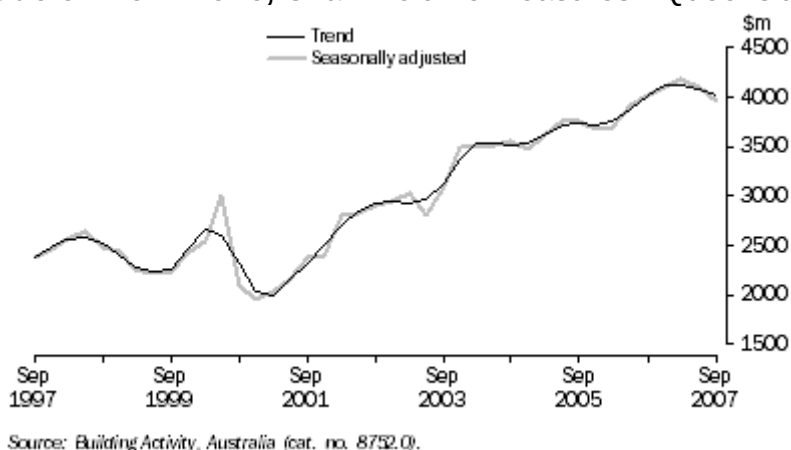
In the September 2007 quarter, the total number of dwellings completed in trend terms in

Queensland was 8,659. This is a decrease of -8.2% from the June 2007 quarter. There were 6,510 new houses completed during the September 2007 quarter which represents 75% of the total number of dwelling units completed.



In the September 2007 quarter, the trend estimate of the value of total building work done was \$4,013.0 million, a -0.1% decrease from September 2006 quarter.

Value of Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland



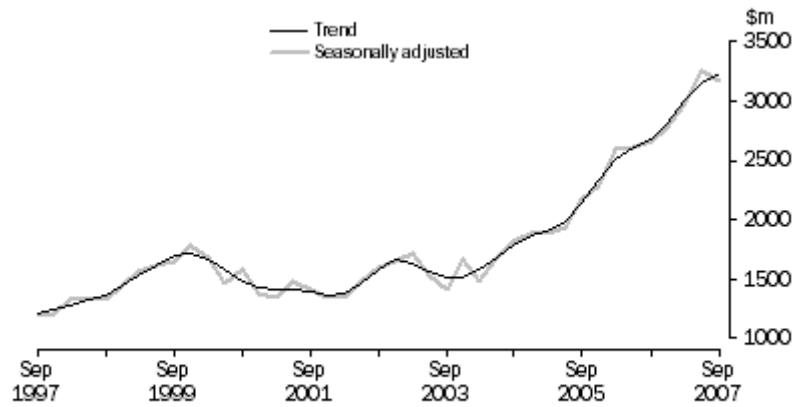
For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8752.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Between the June 2007 and September 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of the value of engineering construction increased by 3.0% to \$3,240.1 million. This continues the period of strong growth since December 2003 quarter.

Engineering Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures



Source: Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8762.0).

For further information on this topic, access [Engineering Construction Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8762.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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Housing Finance

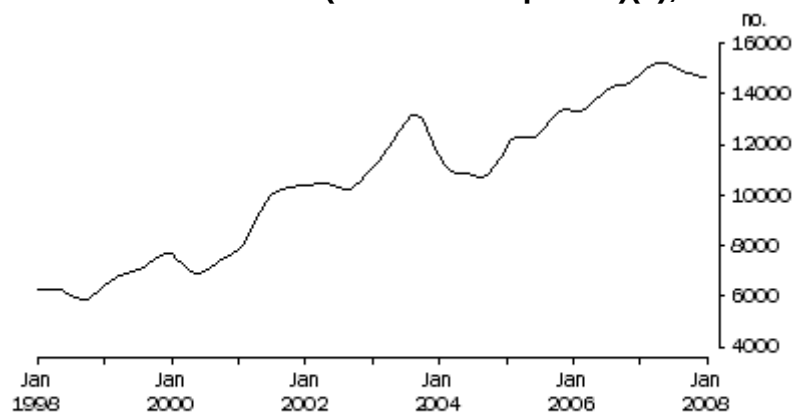


HOUSING FINANCE

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

The number of owner occupied housing commitments in trend estimate terms decreased by -0.7% to 14,679 in January 2008 when compared with January 2007. There was also a small decrease (-0.1%) between December 2007 and January 2008, the eighth consecutive monthly decrease following 15 consecutive months of increases.

Housing Finance Commitments (Owner Occupation)(a), Trend - Queensland



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

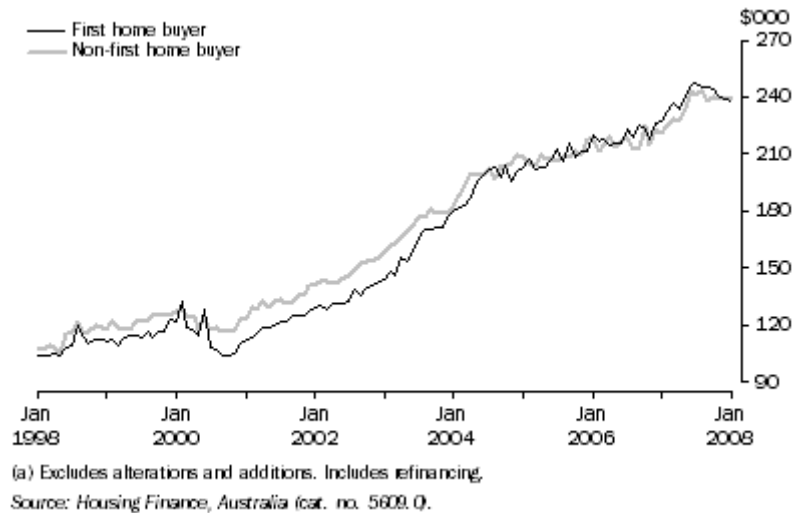
The trend estimate of the total value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Queensland has risen by 5.8% to \$3,489 million in the 12 months to January 2008. In

terms of the trend estimate, the value of housing finance commitments showed a slight decrease of -0.6% from December 2007.

Since January 1998, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in Queensland has more than doubled from \$107,400 to \$239,800.

In January 2008, the average loan size for first home buyers (\$238,400) was marginally lower than for non-first home buyers (\$240,100)

Average Loan Size by Type of Buyer (Owner Occupation)(a), Original - Queensland



Further information on this topic is available in [Housing Finance, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5609.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

Incomes



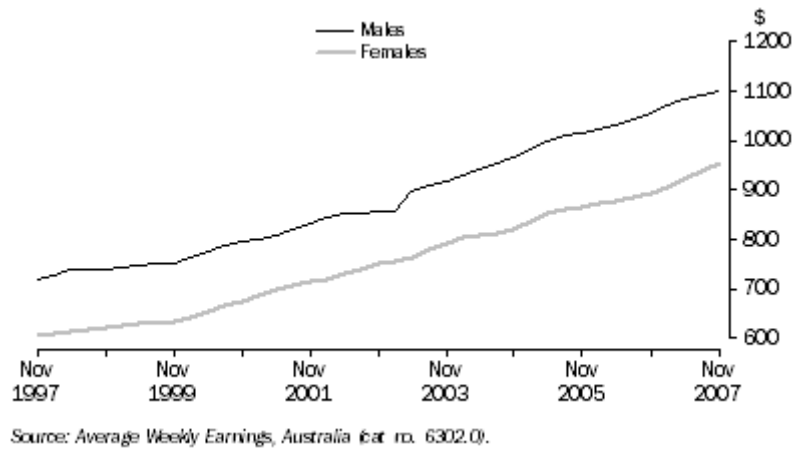
INCOMES

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland increased by 5.0% to \$1,045.90 in the 12 months to November 2007. Nationally, the corresponding increase was marginally lower at 4.9% (up to \$1,112.70).

The trend estimate of full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings in Queensland rose by 4.3% for males and 6.6% for females over the 12 months to November 2007. The November 2007 female estimate of \$953.90 was 87% of the corresponding male estimate of \$1,100.20.

Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Adult Ordinary Time - Trend: Queensland



More information on average weekly earnings can be accessed at [Average Weekly Earnings, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

Consumption and Investment

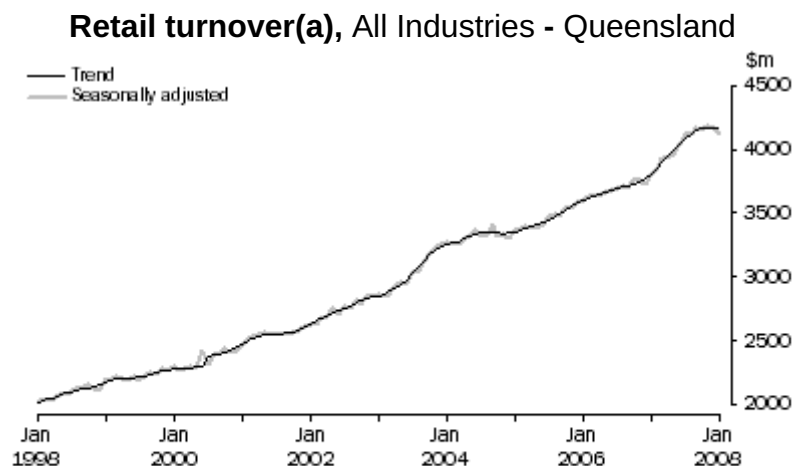


CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

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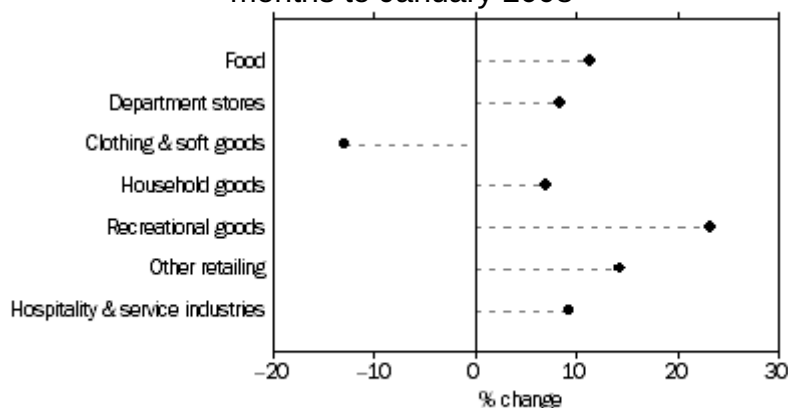
RETAIL TRADE

The January 2008 trend estimate for Queensland's retail turnover was \$4,154.9 million, a 9.2% increase since January 2007. Food retailing accounted for 40% of total retail turnover in January 2008 and Hospitality and service industries turnover contributed 18%.



In the twelve months to January 2008, the industry groups with the largest percentage increases in retail turnover (trend) were Recreational goods rising 23% to \$167.3 million and Other retailing which increased 14% to \$384.8 million. Clothing and soft goods retailing was the only group to show a decrease: -13% to \$210.4 million.

Retail Turnover By Industry Group, Queensland, Trend - Percentage change over twelve months to January 2008



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Further information about this topic can be accessed at [Retail Trade, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8501.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

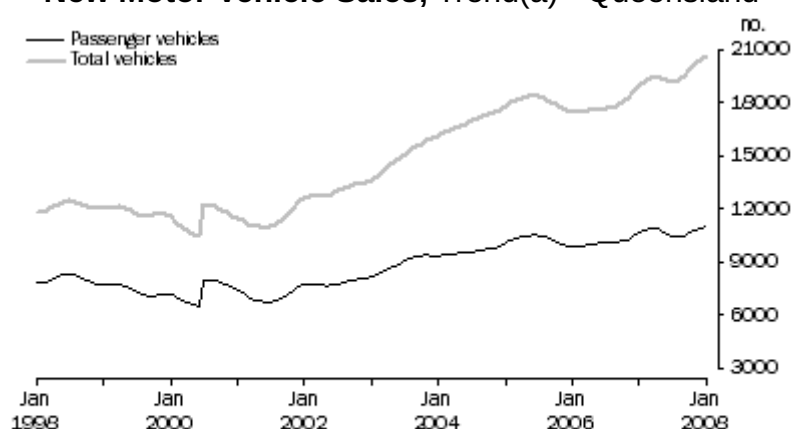
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

In trend terms, 10,981 new passenger vehicles and 20,577 vehicles in total were sold in January 2008 in Queensland. Corresponding sales for Australia were 54,359 and 91,958.

In January 1998, new passenger vehicle sales accounted for 67% of total new vehicle sales in Queensland. By January 2008, the proportion of new passenger vehicle sales had fallen to 53%.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, Trend(a) - Queensland



(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Electronic Delivery (cat. no. 9341.0.55.001).

Further information about new motor vehicle sales can be accessed from [Sales of New](#)

[Motor Vehicles, Australia](#) (cat no. 9314.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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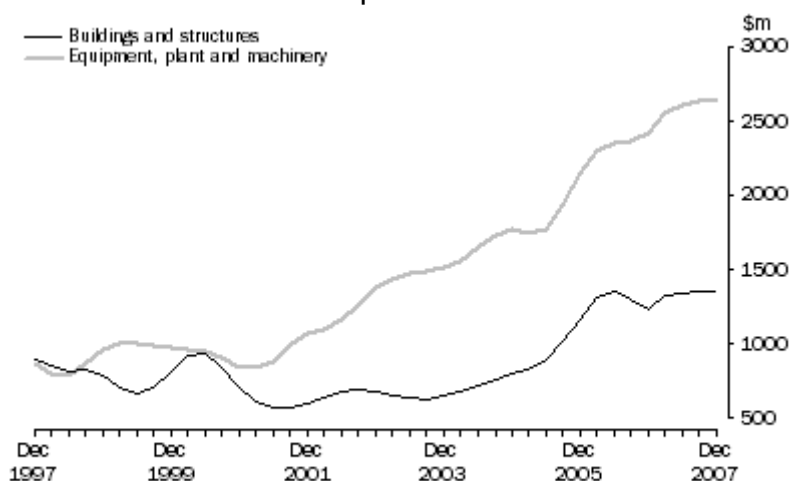
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Between the September 2007 and the December 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of private new capital expenditure increased marginally by less than 0.1% to \$3,992 million.

During the same period, expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery increased by 0.4% to \$2,642 million while expenditure on Buildings and structures decreased by -0.7% to \$1,350 million.

Comparing the December 2007 quarter with the December 2006 quarter, Queensland's total private new capital expenditure increased by 9.4%. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery grew by 9.2% and expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 9.7%.

Private New Capital Expenditure, Trend, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland: by quarter



Source: *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0).

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5625.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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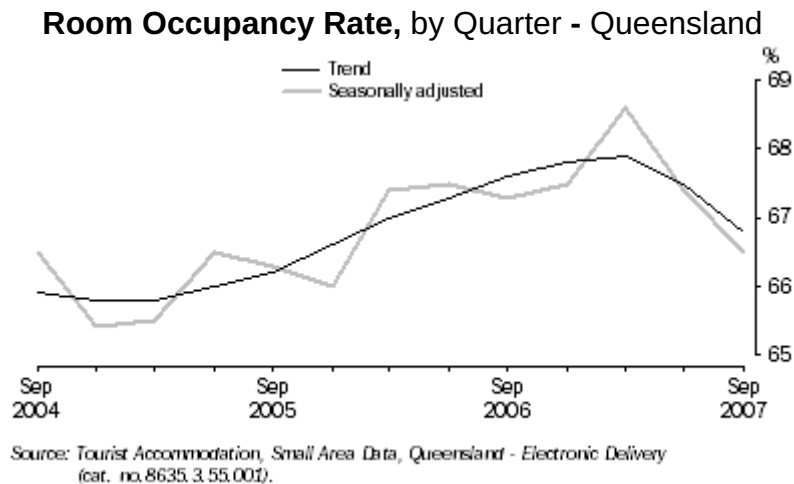
Tourist Accommodation



TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

QUEENSLAND HOTELS, MOTELS AND SERVICED APARTMENTS WITH 15 OR MORE ROOMS

In the September 2007 quarter, there were 1,100 hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms. These establishments had a guest room capacity of 59,257 rooms. The trend estimate of the room occupancy rate for Queensland (67%) was slightly higher than the national average (66%).



In the September 2007 quarter, Queensland hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms catered for 2.9 million guest arrivals. Queensland establishments reported the longest average length of stay for guests (2.6 days) of all states and territories. The national average was 2.2 days.

The trend estimate of the total accommodation takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 rooms or more continued to increase. In the September 2007 quarter, accommodation takings rose by 1.8% to \$508 million from the June 2007 quarter.

For more detailed information on Queensland's tourist accommodation, please refer to [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0) and [Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland, Electronic Delivery](#) (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication and data cube are released quarterly.

Interstate Trade



INTERSTATE TRADE

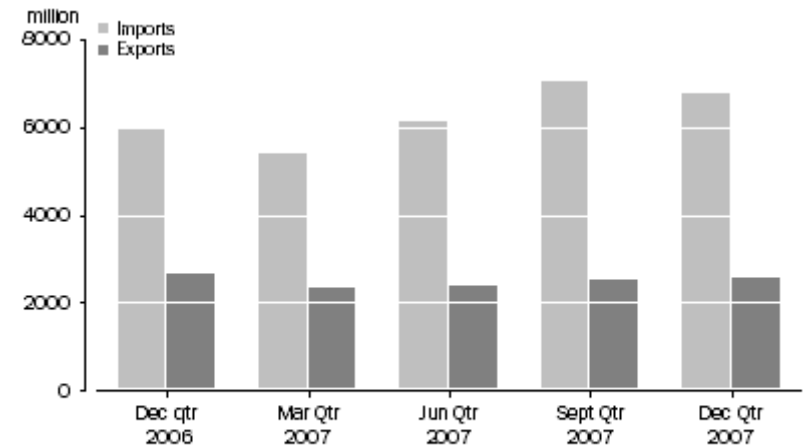
QUEENSLAND'S INTERSTATE TRADE

The value of interstate imports for Queensland in the December 2007 quarter was \$6,729.5 million, a -3.9% decrease on the previous quarter and 12% higher than the same quarter in 2006.

The value in the December 2007 quarter of interstate exports was \$2,577.3 million, a 1.4% increase on the previous quarter and -3.1% lower than the same quarter 12 months earlier.

The value of imports continues to be between two and three times the value of exports.

Value of Interstate Imports and Exports(a), Queensland



(a) Some minor revisions have been made to the December 2006 quarter.
Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

NOTE: In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for the Office of Economic and Statistical Research, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

For further information on this topic, please contact Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research. Interstate trade data are released quarterly.

Articles

ARTICLES

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NATSTATS CONFERENCE 08 - MELBOURNE 19-21 NOVEMBER 2008

Planning for the ABS hosted NatStats 08 Conference is well underway. The conference will be held from 19-21 November 2008 at the Crown Promenade in Melbourne. It will connect the users and the producers of official statistics and provide an opportunity for participants to discuss strategies for improving statistics for policy and decision makers.

The focus of the conference will be on measuring progress in Australian society and future information needs. An array of high profile policy and decision makers from across the community have been invited to ensure a varied and exciting program.

The NatStats 08 Conference will be linked with the global initiative being led by the OECD on Measuring Progress in Societies and with the Australian initiatives being developed through the 2020 Summit and the National Reform Agenda.

If you would like more information on the conference please email Mark Lound at mark.lound@abs.gov.au or phone 02 6252 6325. Alternatively, if you would like to register

your interest in the conference, please contact Conference Solutions on natstats@consol.com or phone 02 6285 3000.

Keep your eyes open for details of the conference in future editions of Qld Stats.

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ABS STUDY TO UNDERSTAND DATA TRAINING NEEDS IN QUEENSLAND

- **Do you use or produce data?**
- **Would you benefit from training to improve the way you work with data?**

If you answered 'yes', then the ABS is eager to know more about how you work with data and in what areas you'd like training.

Your information will assist the ABS to understand how clients use data. Your information will be used to give the ABS a picture of the need for data training in Queensland, across government and non-government agencies. All responses will be treated confidentially.

The study is being conducted during April/May.

We're asking for your assistance to fill in a short questionnaire about how you work with data and your training needs, or refer us to someone who can assist.

If you are able to provide us with even more detailed insight into the use of data within your unit, and your training priorities, you can sign up to participate in a phone interview or one of the focus groups that we will be running. These follow up interviews and focus groups will discuss a range of issues around the topic of data training.

For further information about the study and to arrange access to the questionnaire, contact cassie.mcfarling@abs.gov.au or (07) 3222 6330 or fran.mawdsley@abs.gov.au or (07) 3222 6152.

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PERSPECTIVE ON MIGRANTS

The National Migrant Statistics Unit recently released the first issue of the Perspectives on Migrants (cat. no. 3416.0), providing informed articles on migrant and ethnic population groups within Australia, including:

- the relationship between birthplace and religion
- migrant peoples experiences of crime victimisation
- an overview of data relating to overseas students
- the English proficiency of migrants in Australia.

In addition, some articles illustrate how the new Migrant Data Matrices (cat. no. 3415.0) and the Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources (cat. no. 3414.0) can be used as research tools. Articles will be released biannually on the ABS website.

For other new products from the National Migrant Statistics Unit please see the [ABS Migrant and Ethnicity](#) theme page or the half yearly electronic newsletter [Migrant Statistics News](#).

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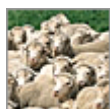


SCHOOLS, AUSTRALIA (cat. no. 4221.0)

This publication, which was released 29 February presents statistics on schools, students and teaching staff involved in the provision or administration of primary and secondary education, in government and non-government schools for all states and territories.

Also included are apparent retention rates for students to Years 9, 10, 11 and 12, student/teaching staff ratios, school age participation rates and some information on indigenous students.

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AGRICULTURAL CENSUS 2005-06

[Agricultural Commodities: Small Area Data, Australia, 2005-06](#) (cat. no. 7125.0) was released 7 March 2008. This publication presents final commodity and livestock estimates from the 2005-06 Agricultural Census at the standard ABS geographies of Statistical Local Area (SLA) and Statistical Division (SD). Data are also presented for Natural Resource Management (NRM) Regions.

The ABS Agricultural Census collects area and production data for a wide range of agricultural commodities. Additional data on land management were also collected. In 2005-06 these included data on tree planting and on fencing for the protection of tracts of land from grazing.

Final estimates at national and state levels can be found in [Agricultural Commodities, Australia 2005-06](#) (cat. no. 7121.0)

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INFORMATION PAPER: POPULATION CONCEPTS, 2008 (cat. no. 3107.0.55.006)

Population estimates are one of the major outputs of any National Statistical Office. They are key statistics for a wide range of planning and policy decisions and while population can be simply defined e.g. 'the total number of persons inhabiting a country, town or any district or area' (Macquarie Dictionary, 2005) the concepts associated with its measurement are increasingly complex.

In the Australian context the key population measure is the estimated resident population (ERP) which is based on the concept of usual residence. However there are a range of other population concepts that are relevant to different analytical situations. These can include the population in a particular area at a particular time, or, while not entirely consistent with the above definition, it can extend to the concept of the population serviced

by a particular area.

The objectives of this paper which was released 12 March are to discuss the range of population concepts, highlight the differences between the various concepts and identify some of the measurement issues associated with the different concepts.

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INFORMATION PAPER: ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE - AN INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2008 (cat. no.4915.0.55.002)

This paper was released 14 March and identifies the agreed priorities and action for information development in the area of Arts and Cultural Heritage. The paper also identifies gaps in available data and provides recommendations for addressing these data gaps. Recommendations will be implemented collaboratively by the ABS and other key producers of Arts and Cultural Heritage data over the next 3 to 5 years.

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INFORMATION PAPER: OVERVIEW OF ABS CAUSE OF DEATH STATISTICS, 2006 (cat. no. 3317.0.55.002)

Causes of Death statistics, and the use of these statistics for demographic and health purposes, are key to understanding current and future pictures of Australian society and formulation and monitoring of policies. Causes of death information provide insights into the diseases and factors contributing to reduced life expectancy. Causes of death statistics are one of the oldest and most comprehensive set of health statistics available in Australia.

The purpose of this paper which was released 14 March is to provide advice to users of ABS Causes of Death data about the concepts, data sources, methods and quality issues concerning causes of death data and to assist them in interpreting the existing collection. The process of producing causes of death data is described in the publication. Data quality issues relating to particular parts of the process and the current impact of these data quality issues on the data for causes of death data are described.

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BRISBANE... A SOCIAL ATLAS, 2006

BRISBANE... A Social Atlas 2006 (cat. no. 2030.3) was released on 17 March 2008. This Social Atlas is one of a series of publications that uses maps to highlight key characteristics of the population in Australia's capital cities and selected regional centres. The maps depict social, economic and housing characteristics based on data collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. This information provides some insight into the composition and structure of Australian society. The geographic distribution of the data highlights the diversity that exists within the nation's cities and regional centres. A separate atlas is available for each state and territory.

This atlas includes maps for Brisbane, the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast. Brief commentary accompanies each map, highlighting the main features of the mapped characteristic. These characteristics are categorised into broad themes covering Population, Cultural Diversity, Education, Labour Force, Income, Families and Households, and

Dwellings.

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